LHMC and Associated Hospital

1. Dr. S.B. Purohit
   CMO (KSCH)

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not keep any record in this regard relating to the Hospitals under the control of Government of NCT of Delhi, MCD and NDMC, etc.

(b) and (c) the Military services of Dr. S.K. Suri, Dr. P.K. Banerjee, Dr. Chintamani and Dr. S.B. Purohit have been counted for the purpose of pensionary benefit. The counting of military service of Dr. B.B. Sharma, Radiologist will be taken of after his confirmation in the civil post. He has been given advanced increments on account of his military service. The military service in respect of Dr. V.K. Kapoor for counting of his military service is under consideration. No request of Dr. Chandrakant has been received for counting pensionary benefit however, Dr. Chandrakant has filed an application in the High Court in Delhi seeking higher post and higher pay scale.

Damage to hospitals by earthquake in Gujarat

252. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated loss of lives in Gujarat due to massive earthquake;

(b) whether a large number of hospitals have been damaged in Kutch and Ahmedabad districts;

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take for proper treatment of patients; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken to control any epidemic in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per the report received till date 17,549 persons have lost their lives.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) On 26th January, 2001, 52 Doctors and Paramedics (consisting of Orthopaedic Surgeons, General Surgeons, Anesthetists/Physicians) from Dr. RMLH, Safdarjung Hospital, PGI Chandigarh and AIIMS along with antibiotics, IV Fluids, tetanus injections, anti inflamatory drugs and surgical material were airlifted in an IAF Plane to Bhuj followed by a team of 12 Doctors from AIIMS on 27th January, 2001. The medical relief items amounting to about Rs. 5.70 crores consisting of antibiotics, disinfectants, IV fluids, bandages, cotton roll, ORS packets, 500 M.T. bleaching powder, 5000 liters of phenyl and 65 M.T. Synthetic pyrethroid, 5 lakhs doses of Measles Vaccine, two portable X-ray machines, X-ray plates and reagents despatched.

The doctors from Central Government Institutions, medical personnel from Army, Red Cross Societies of different countries, other State Governments and NGOs assisted the State health authorities in extending medical relief of the victims.

Besides, the efforts of the State and Central Government, Red Cross Societies from Norway, Finland and Germany have established three self sufficient field hospitals with a total bed strength of 550 equipped with surgical facilities in Bhuj.

(d) Guidelines formulated in consultation with the experts for tackling any possible outbreak of diseases after natural disasters were sent to the State Health Authorities for necessary action.

Teams of Public experts from NICD, NAMP Delhi, NIV Pune, National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Calcutta, ICMR, Mumbai, NIOH, Ahmedabad and NICD Bangalore reached Gujarat to assist and advise the State health authorities in the ongoing public health measures.

A self contained team consisting of 80 personnel from various institutes in Ahmedabad under MOHFW, Govt. of India along with a field laboratory is stationed at Bhuj since 5th February for Disease

Surveillance and to assist the local health authorities in the ongoing public health measures.

In the aftermath of the disaster, to prevent any possible outbreak of malaria sufficient quantity of pyrethroid was supplied. House spraying is being undertaken in the affected areas.

Field surveillance has been strengthened by the State Government. WHO has established 6 surveillance centres and extending their support. Disinfection is carried out effectively. As a result of adequate public health measures there is no unusual increase in waterborne diseases like diarrhoea, typhoid, jaundice and vector borne disease like malaria.

Asthma Patients

253. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population of the people suffering from Asthma is one lakh; if so, the State-wise break-up thereof; and

(b) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The State-wise data on number of people suffering from Asthma is not available. However, as per "Global Health Status" brought out by WHO in 1996, the prevalence rates of Asthma in India were estimated to 1.6% for males and 1.5% for females which implies that far more than one lakh people have been suffering from Asthma.